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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR AF/EX KRYZA

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SUBJ: STATE, AID AND PEACE CORPS STAFFING IN BLS STATES

1. STATE, AID AND PEACE CORPS STAFFS DOWN TO BARE MINIMUM AS RESULT OF
NUMBER OF TRANSFERS, TDY ASSIGNMENTS AND LEAVE. STATE SUBSTANTIVE
STAFF

DOWN TO ONE FIRST-TOUR FSO AT EACH POST. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF
THE SITUATION AND OUR PRESENT REQUIREMENTS WHICH WE HOPE WILL BE
CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED.

2. GABORONE: (A) DCM THOMSEN DEPARTED JULY 10. WE HAVE JUST BEEN
INFORMED THAT DCM ALBERT'S ETA HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM AUGUST 15 TO
AUGUST 20; HOPE THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER SLIPPAGE IN HIS ETA. (B)
POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER HOOVER ETA JULY 27. (C) AID OFFICER SCHED-
ULED FOR HOME LEAVE IN AUGUST; ASSISTANT AID OFFICER HAS NOT YET BEEN
ASSIGNED. WE WILL NEED TDY ASSISTANCE IN ANY CASE. (D) PC DIRECTOR
TAYLOR SCHEDULED TO ATTEND AUGUST 14-21 CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. (E)
ASSOCIATE PC DIRECTOR HAS BEEN RE-ASSIGNED TO TOGO; REPLACEMENT HAS
NOT BEEN DESIGNATED.

(F) PC DOCTOR DESIRES TO TERMINATE OCTOBER 1976; WE NEED A RESPONSE
TO REPEATED POST INQUIRIES REGARDING TERMINATION AND REPLACEMENT.

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3. MASERU: DCM HAUGHT DEPARTED JULY 12 FOR RE-ASSIGNMENT. WE NEED

SOONEST A PRECISE ETA FOR DCM STOKES WHICH SHOULD BE NO LATER THAN THE LAST WEEK OF JULY. (B) PAO CRAWFORD DEPARTS JULY 19; HIS REPLACEMENT ARRIVED JULY 9. (C) PC DIRECTOR BERKY DEPARTED JUNE 21 FOR REASSIGNMENT; WE NEED PC/W REPLACEMENT CANDIDATE.

4. MBABANE: SITUATION CRITICAL WITH COMPLETE TURNOVER. (A) DCM DEPARTED JULY 13 FOR CONSULTATION AND POSSIBLE RE-ASSIGNMENT. IF LANE REASSIGNED, POST NEEDS LIST OF WELL-QUALIFIED DCM CANDIDATES SOONEST. (B) IRO PRINGLE DEPARTED JULY 8 AND HIS REPLACEMENT PERLOW ARRIVED JUNE 24. (C) GSO CONSULAR OFFICER SAWYER ETA DATE LATE OCTOBER; (D) THE SECY/ADMIN ASST DUCKETT DEPARTS AUGUST 10 AND NEW SECY/ADMIN ASST ETA AUGUST 4; SHE SHOULD ARRIVE SOONER, IF POSSIBLE. (D) AID REGIONAL DIRECTOR WARD DEPARTS JULY 16; WE NEED NAMES OF AID/W CANDIDATES FOR REPLACEMENT ASAP. (F) PC DIRECTOR HARRISON DEPARTS FOR CONFERENCE IN AUGUST FOLLOWED BY HOME LEAVE. (G) ASSOCIATE PC DIRECTOR MARTIN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR REASSIGNMENT; IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT HE REMAIN AT POST UNTIL PCD HARRISON RETURNS IN OCTOBER. (H) FSR PC NURSE POSITION STILL VACANT. IF POSITION CANNOT BE FILLED BY MID-AUGUST, RECOMMEND PC MEDICAL OFFICER BE ASSIGNED ON TDY BASIS.
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